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SUBJECT: NEW PREMIER'S FIRST MESSAGE TO THE NATION

1. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER BEING SWORN IN AS PREMIER, ADOLFO SUAREZ GONZALEZ SPOKE TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE IN A PRE-TAPED MESSAGE TRANSMITTED

AT 2100 LOCAL TIME, JULY 6. SUAREZ SPOKE FOR FIVE MINUTES SEATED IN HIS

OWN DEN AT HOME GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF AN INFORMAL "FIRESIDE" CHAT. MAIN POINTS OF MESSAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. PREMIER VOICED CONFIDENCE IN HIMSELF AND THE SPANISH PEOPLE. HE DID

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NOT PRETEND TO ANNOUNCE A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE LEFT UP TO THE GOVT TO BE FORMED. HIS PREOCCUPATIONS ARE THOSE OF THE SPANISH PEOPLE (IN THIS ORDER): (1) A WORKPLACE, (2) INCREASE IN PRICES, (3) AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION FOR HIS CHILDREN, (4) DEMOCRATIC NORMALIZATION, (5) POLITICAL REFOR, AND (6) SOLUTIONS TO EVERYDAY PROBLEMS.

3. "REALISM" WILL BE THE PREMIER'S FIRST DUTY AND, CONSEQUENTLY, LEADS

TO FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS: (1) GOVT TO BE FORMED WILL NOT REPRESENT "OPTIONS OF PARTIES" BUT WILL BE A "LEGITIMATE TRUSTEE (GESTOR) TO ESTABLISH A POLITICAL GAME" "OPEN TO EVERYONE"; (2) THE OBJECTIVE IS TO PERMIT FUTURE GOVTS TO BE THE RESULT OF "THE FREE WILL OF THE MAJORITY" FOR WHICH THE COLLABORATION OF EVERYONE IS NEEDED; (3) ANY GOVT WHICH EXPECTED TO BE USEFUL HAS TO RESPECT THE LAWS; AND (4) OPEN DIALOGUE IS THE ONLY INSTRUMENT WITH WHICH TO ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS.

4. SUAREZ IDENTIFIED HIMSELF WITH THE GENERATION OF SPANIARDS WHICH HAS ONLY KNOWN PEACE, "THE MAJORITY OF SPANIARDS". IN HIS WORDS, THIS GROUP DEMANDS A "NATIONAL REVITALIZATION" INCLUDING "ORDER AND FREEDOM ... SOCIAL JUSTICE ... CIVIC LIBERTIES ... ENDING IN THE POSSIBILITY FOR THE SPANISH PEOPLE TO BECOME MASTERS OF THEIR OWN DESTINY". THE AIM IS "TO GOVERN WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED". THIS WILL REQUIRE LISTENING TO "ALL VOICES" AND "RESPECTING THE ADVERSARY AND OFFERING HIM POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATION".

5. IN SHORT, SUAREZ REFERRED TO THE CROWN'S EXPRESSED DECISION TO MAKE SPAIN INTO A "MODERN DEMOCRACY" AND TO ENSURE THAT NO "VOICE FAILS TO BE HEARD" IN THE EFFORT TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR A FRUITFUL DIALOGUE. SUAREZ DEVOTED ONE ELEGANT SENTENCE TO PRAISE FOR ARIAS NAVARRO'S DEDICATION TO SERVICE AND HONESTY.
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